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REF NC211315 BEIRUT AL-SAFIR ARABIC 20 MAR -- LIBYA: AL-SAFIR
INTERVIEWS AL-QADHDHAFI
TAKE 1 OF 8 -- AL-SAFIR INTERVIEW WITH LIBYA'S AL-QADHDHAFI
PART TWO
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BEIRUT AL-SAFIR IN ARABIC 21 MAR 85 PP 8,9
((PART TWO OF INTERVIEW GIVEN TO AL-SAFIR BY LIBYAN LEADER
MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI AND CONDUCTED BY TALAL SALMAN WITH THE
PARTICIPATION OF MUHAMMAD MASHMUSHI, SA'D MAHYU, HASSAN HAYDAR,
AND YASIR NI'MAH "IN MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI'S TENT IN LIBYA";
DATE NOT GIVEN))
((EXCERPTS)) THIS PART OF THE LONG INTERVIEW WITH 1
SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION LEADER COLONEL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI
BEGAN WITH THE TALK ABOUT THE HEROIC NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT
IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE STRONG BLOWS IT IS DEALING TO THE
ISRAELI ENEMY. IN THIS REGARD AL-QADHDHAFI EXPRESSED HIGH
ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE MEN WHO ARE PURSUING THE
ENEMY EVERYWHERE AND DAILY INFLECTING HEAVY LOSSES ON HIS FORCES.
THE DISCUSSION THEN MOVED TO THE QUESTION OF THE IRANIAN
REVOLUTION, OF SECTARIANISM IN THE AREA AND IN LEBANON,
AND OF THE DANGERS THREATENING ARAB NATIONALISM AS A CONSEQUENCE.
COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI SAID IN THIS REGARD:

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THERE IS A REAL DANGER TO ARAB NATIONALISM BECAUSE OF SECTARIANISM. TO BE FAIR, IT MUST BE SAID THAT THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION HAS KINDLED SECTARIANISM IN THE ARAB HOMELAND DESPITE ITSELF; IT WAS NOT EVEN ITS DECISION TO DO SO. WE, OF COURSE, SUPPORT IT BECAUSE IT IS A REVOLUTION, BUT IT MUST BE SAID THAT IT HAS KINDLED SECTARIANISM IN THE ARAB HOMELAND. UNFORTUANTELY THE ARAB NATION COULD BE DISMEMBERED BECAUSE OF SECTARIANISM. FIRST IT WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS; THE CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON, IRAQ, AND SYRIA WILL BE THINKING OF A CHRISTIAN STATE. THE PHALANGISTS NOW CONSIDER THEMSELVES THE EXPRESSION, THE PIONEERS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE ARAB EAST. THEN THE MUSLIMS WILL BEGIN TO BE DIVIDED INTO SHI'ITES AND SUNNIS. THE ARAB NATION FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN -- FROM LEBANON -- TO THE GULF WOULD BECOME SPLIT. AFTER THAT THE SHI'ITES AND THE SUNNIS WILL BE SUBDIVIDED INTO CREEDS; THE SHI'ITES BETWEEN THE ITHNA'ASHARIYAH ((FOLLOWERS OF THE 12TH IMAM -- FBIS)) CREED AND OTHER CREEDS AND THE SUNNIS INTO HANAFI, SHAFI'I HANBALI, MALIKI AND OTHER CREEDS. I DO NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO THAT, BUT SOME OTHER PEOPLE WILL TRY IF THEY CAN. THIS IS THE SCHEME. THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION HAS ENCOURAGED THE SHI'ITES IN THE ARAB HOMELAND, WHO HAVE REGARDED ITS UPRISING AS A REVOLUTION IN THE NAME OF ISLAM; NOT AGAINST THE SUNNIS BUT AGAINST REACTION AND AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. BUT SOME HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO ADVANCE UNDER SUCH SLOGANS ((AS PUBLISHED)). LEBANON IS NOW DIVIDED. THE CREDIT FOR STRUGGLE THERE, OF COURSE, GOES TO THE SHI'ITES AND TO NABIH BIRRI. BIRRI IS IN THE RESISTANCE AND IN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH HE IS AGAINST US. NABIH BIRRI AND HIS GROUP DO NOT MEET WITH ANY LIBYAN, BUT I STILL CONSIDER HIM THE HERO OF THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND I CONSIDER THE SHI'ITES TO BE THE LIBERATORS REGARDLESS OF WHAT IS SAID ABOUT THE RESISTANCE. THE SHI'ITE PROVES HIS HEROISM WHEN HE FALLS MARTYR. NOBODY ELSE EXCEPT THE SHI'ITE WOULD LOAD A CAR WITH EXPLOSIVES AND BLOW IT UP HIMSELF. IN FACT IT WAS THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION THAT KINDLED THIS SENSE IN THE SHI'ITES. THE RESISTANCE OF THE OTHER ARABS AND THE LEBANESE IS WEAK. THIS IS CLEAR. THIS IS NABIH BIRRI. THERE MAY BE A HIZBOLLAH PARTY, BUT THE FACT IS THAT THEY ARE ALL SHI'ITES. QUESTION: BUT THERE ARE SUNNITE ELEMENTS WITHIN HIZBOLLAH. ANSWER: MAYBE, BUT I KNOW THAT THE ADVOCATION OF EXTREMISM AND SUICIDE OPERATIONS BELONGS TO THE SHI'ITES. WE DO NOT DENY THIS. NABIH BIRRI IS A HERO, AND SO ARE OTHER LEADERS SUCH AS AL-MUSAWI. (MORE) 21 MAR IS/OWEN/JW/; 28/2005Z MAR

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